

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to BPAI Decision dated 03/10/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

In interpreting the claims in light of the specification, applicant's arguments and BPAI decision, the Examiner finds the claimed invention is patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

The prior art of record includes Brobst et al., US Patent No. 6,061,700, Bubbels et al., US Patent No. 6,222,634, Hoffert et al., US Patent No. 6,282,549, and Narayanaswami et al., UK Patent Application, GB No. 2,332,543.

Brobst et al. disclose a method for formatting multiple related web pages or URLs begins by selecting the web pages or URLs, then specifying a digging level (nesting level), a URL list of the web pages and the associated digging level is created. This list is then in a format which may be used to fill a URL container (Abstract, and col. 6, line 54 – col. 7, line 19).

Dubbels et al. disclose a method for printing related web pages allowing a web user to select a web page, then print all of the related web pages based on a predetermined criteria such as a list of related pages is parsed and the user can select which of the related pages will be printed (Abstract).

Hoffert et al. disclose a hash table scheme is used guarantee that only unique new URLs (web pages) are added to the database and if any URL link that is already

found in the hash table, the URL is not added to the list of URLs for processing (col. 3, line 28 – col. 4, line 23).

Narayanaswami et al. disclose a user is able to select from a listing of the hyperlinks available on a target page for subsequent print selection such as print current page, print to level, print designated selections, and print “AA But” selection (Abstract, page 12, lines 7-46).

Claim 2 is allowed because the prior art of record does not expressly disclose alone or in combination “printing the web page wherein the printing step automatically and individually prints each of a plurality of web pages associated with the web page on selected levels below the webpage and wherein if a first web page of the plurality appears more than once among the plurality, said first web page is only printed once.”

Examiner finds the decision on appeal on page 6 persuasive since Hoffert reference teaches a hash table scheme is used guarantee that only unique new URLs (web pages) are added to the database and if any URL link that is already found in the hash table, the URL is not added to the list of URLs for processing (col. 3, line 28 – col. 4, line 23), but “Hoffert is not directed, in any way, to “printing,” especially not to the printing of web pages” and “there is no indication as to how such a hash table would be used, or why it would be used, to prevent the redundant printing of web pages”.

2. The dependent claims 3-7 further limit independent claim 2. Claims 8-35 are considered allowable for the same reasons set forth for claims 2-7 above.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chau Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4092. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon, can be reached at (571) 272-4136.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. On July 15, 2005, the Central Facsimile (FAX) Number will change from 703-872-9306 to 571-273-8300.

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